<u>REMARKS</u>

The present application is being filed as a divisional of application serial number

09/420,517, filed October 18, 1999, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b). The Applicant

respectfully requests consideration of the present application as amended.

As a result of this preliminary amendment, claims 2-8, 15-21, 28-34, 40 and 42-46

from the parent application have been cancelled. New claim 48 has been added. Therefore,

claims 9-13, 22-26, 35, 39, 41 and 47-48 are currently pending in the present application.

Deposit Account Authorization

Authorization is hereby given to charge our Deposit Account No. 02-2666 for any

charges that may be due. Furthermore, if an extension is required, then Applicant hereby

requests such extension.

If the Examiner determines the prompt allowance of these claims could be facilitated

by a telephone conference, the Examiner is invited to contact Marina Portnova at (408) 720-

8300.

Respectfully submitted,

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